

Municipal Election 2026: What the Candidates Told Us

City of Colwood			
Name	Position sought	Need for an arts centre?	Steps to support an arts centre?
Cynthia Day	Mayor		
Doug Kobayashi	Mayor	Yes. Currently, the West Shore has an abundance of recreation and sports facilities; however, we do not have an arts and culture to meet the demand of the fastest growing population of our region. The City of Colwood has offered up a small space for citizens to enjoy small visual arts and music offerings. The success of this small facility and the growth of its usage has confirmed my belief that we need a larger facility which includes performing arts. Per capita, the number of people attending the current theatres in the City of Victoria are considerably less than those in other municipalities. I strongly believe that the perceived added distance to downtown Victoria combined with the traffic woes are deterrents for West Shore people from using these facilities. The vision for the establishment of an Arts and Culture Centre in the West Shore is well-founded. One of our strategic goals for the bettering the wellness of our community. In my opinion, a proper Arts and Culture Centre would improve the quality-of-life for all our people, as well it will have economic benefits.	(1) I would continue to have the city participate in the inter-municipal JDF performing arts committee. (2) I would partner with other West Shore mayors to foster regional cooperation to make this happen including a joint operating funding model and a MOU based on that used for WSPR. (3) As requested by PACS, I would advocate provincial and federal government partners for potential infrastructure funding. (4) I would ensure Council gives serious consideration for municipal land that may be used by the committee.
Rob Martin	Mayor	Yes. Culture helps define a community and is an essential part of what makes a community vibrant and connected. I believe the arts are just as indispensable to a community as recreation, enriching our lives and contributing to the quality of life we all share.	Happy to assist where I can working in concert with the board leadership.
Harold Bloomenthal	Councillor		

Terrilynn Gee	Councillor	Yes. Arts and culture are key elements for healthy child development. It also brings communities together.	If elected, I would be supportive of moving forward with the development of a West Shore arts and culture centre. The feasibility work that has already been completed provides an important foundation, and I believe the next step is to work collaboratively with all West Shore municipalities to determine how we can turn that vision into reality. I would support meaningful regional discussions around the proposed centre, including its location, programming, governance, funding model and long-term operating costs. It is important that residents across the West Shore have an opportunity to see the benefits of this facility and that each municipality understands how it can participate in a way that is fair and sustainable. I would also advocate for pursuing senior-government grants, philanthropic contributions, private-sector partnerships and other funding opportunities to minimize the financial burden on local taxpayers. A project of this scale should be approached as a regional investment, with the costs and benefits shared appropriately across the West Shore. An arts and culture centre has the potential to provide significant benefits to our community. Supporting local artists and cultural organizations, creating opportunities for youth, providing space for performances and events, and contributing to the vibrancy and economic development of the West Shore. I would welcome the opportunity to work with the other West Shore municipalities to build on the work that has already been done and find a responsible, sustainable path forward. I believe we should be ambitious about what we can create for our community while remaining accountable to taxpayers.
David Grove	Councillor	Yes. 100,000 pop needs the spirit and intent, soul-lifting, educational benefits of Arts discipline and performance at high standard.	I attend the inter-municipal arts committee with efforts around advocacy and site selection.

Kim Jordison	Councillor	I believe there would be value in having an arts can culture centre on the West Shore, but I would need to see a clear and financially sustainable plan before committing public funds. There have already been a number of "paid for" feasibility studies, and at some point we need to move beyond studying the concept and answer the practical questions: Where would it be located? What would it cost to build? Who is contributing the capital funding? Who would own and operate it? What are the projected annual operating costs and revenues? And who would be responsible for any ongoing shortfall? I support arts and culture and the important role they play in building vibrant communities. But I also have a responsibility to taxpayers. Before supporting a major investment, I need to know that there is a realistic business plan behind it and that the financial responsibility isn't simply going to fall back on local taxpayers.	I would support bringing the West Shore municipalities, arts and cultural organizations, Indigenous partners, community organizations and potential funding partners together to determine whether there is a viable path forward. I would also encourage proponents to actively pursue provincial and federal funding, private and philanthropic contributions, partnerships and other sources of capital rather than assuming local taxpayers will carry the cost. I would be happy to champion a project that demonstrates strong community benefit and a realistic, sustainable financial model.
Deborah Law	Councillor		
Misty Olsen	Councillor	Yes. I believe arts and culture are an important part of building a complete community. As Colwood grows, we need to think not only about the infrastructure that supports growth, but also about the spaces and the experiences that create human connection, community identity and a sense of belonging.	I support the work already underway to explore opportunities for an arts and culture centre, including identifying a potential location. If re-elected, I would continue supporting Colwood's participation in this work and the thoughtful consideration of partnerships, funding opportunities and a sustainable model. A dedicated space for arts and culture can strengthen community connection, identity and opportunities for local artists and residents.
Jennifer Parlee	Councillor	Yes. There's been a lot of talk about the need for third spaces. We have our homes and many of us go to a workplace or school setting, but outside of that communities need other spaces for people to gather and interact. Cultural events provide employment opportunities for artists and residents and a space for community members to meet in person. These events can also support local businesses as many people enjoy having a meal or other treat while out on the town.	I'll work to keep awareness of the project at the forefront. According to Imagine Canada's 2026 data, Culture and Recreation activities in the non-profit sector contributed \$1.6B to BC's GDP. I'll use this kind of data to present evidence for investment in cultural activities. I strongly believe that arts facilities aren't extra wishes; they contribute to the local economy.

Eugene Tseng	Councillor	Yes. The West Shore's population is growing quickly, but our public shared spaces for arts and culture haven't kept pace. A dedicated centre would give local artists, performers, and cultural groups a home, give families like mine an easy reason to gather close to where we live. This is exactly the kind of investment I mean under my "Safe, Connected Community" pillar: building the shared spaces that bring residents together.	I'd work with the Juan de Fuca Performing Arts Centre Society, neighbouring West Shore municipalities, and community members to help move this project from concept to reality, including identifying a site.
Ian Ward	Councillor	Yes. The Arts are a pillar of a balanced community. Access to the arts brings society closer together, strengthens relationships, provides economic opportunities and is shown to help health and well-being overall.	As per previous years, I'd support the efforts of the Performing Arts Society, and in a hypothetical scenario where development would occur in Colwood, I'd be amenable to securing incentives and innovative approaches to facilitate building. Eg. A tax break or tax holiday or other ways to assist. And I'd certainly be willing to support advocacy to potential stakeholders alongside the Society if I could add value. We need this, and we needed it years ago!
District of Highlands			
Name	Position sought	Need for an arts centre?	Steps to support an arts centre?
Gord Baird	Mayor		
Ken Williams	Mayor	Yes. The Westshore is a growing and diverse community, and arts and culture are an important part of a healthy, vibrant region. I would support exploring an arts and culture centre that could provide space for music, theatre, visual arts, community events and local cultural organizations. However, any proposal needs to be practical and financially sustainable. Before committing taxpayers to a major new facility, I would want to see a clear business case, regional participation, realistic capital and operating costs, and opportunities for grants, partnerships and other sources of funding. A Westshore arts and culture centre could be a tremendous community asset if it is developed at a scale we can afford and with broad regional support.	If elected, I would support bringing the West Shore municipalities and other potential partners together to determine whether a regional arts and culture centre can be developed in a practical and financially sustainable way. I would encourage a clear business case that identifies the needs of the arts and cultural community, potential locations, capital and ongoing operating costs, funding opportunities, and a fair model for regional participation. I would also advocate for provincial and federal grants, partnerships and other funding sources to reduce the burden on local taxpayers. I believe the West Shore deserves strong arts and cultural opportunities, but any major new facility should be developed collaboratively, at a scale we can afford, and with a clear understanding of the long-term costs before taxpayers are asked to make a commitment.

Justin Allen	Councillor		
Leslie Anderson	Councillor		
Ann Baird	Councillor		
Marie Brotherston	Councillor		
Ken Brotherston	Councillor		
Patrick Harriott	Councillor		
Rob Justice	Councillor		
Marcie McLean	Councillor		
Karel Roessingh	Councillor	Yes. sad lack of facilities for the arts in W. shore - history of concentration on sports facilities, but not nearly enough support for the arts	Chair the inter-municipal committee if chosen
City of Langford			
Name	Position sought	Need for an arts centre?	Steps to support an arts centre?
Scott Goodmanson	Mayor		
Stew Young	Mayor	Yes	Research the best location and design then go to a referendum question on cost , design and location .
Shawn Blair	Councillor		
Jennifer Dunnett	Councillor		
Lisa Foxall	Councillor		
Brandy Gordon	Councillor	Yes. As our region continues to grow, so does the need for spaces that bring people together. An arts and culture centre would support local artists and performers, provide opportunities for youth, encourage community connection, and contribute to our community.	I would support bringing the right partners together. That means working with other municipalities, local arts/dance organizations, & other levels of government to explore funding opportunities, identify community needs, and develop a plan that's financially responsible for the West Shore.

Kimberley Guiry	Councillor	Yes. While Langford is adding a new Community Arts and Culture Childcare Centre, this centre will provide space for some but not all of arts and culture needs in the west shore. The new centre will have space for an expanded pottery studio, art room, dance studio, music room, and flexible space for community and cultural events. What is missing however is a performance space/theatre, flex working spaces for artists, recording spaces and a dedicated exhibition space. Additionally, additional art, music and dance spaces in a different part of the west shore would increase accessibility and help meet the needs of a growing community.	I would continue to support the implementation of Langford's Arts and Culture Development Strategy as it is a framework for building Langford as a cultural hub and creative city. This gives the city more capacity and a stronger skillset for supporting a new arts and culture centre and shepherding its development and success. Further, I would continue to advocate for funding through the CRD Funding Arts Facility Service for a new west shore performing arts facility and support direction to stay up to date with new or re-instated funding opportunities from upper levels of government. I would support the use of the amenity charges collected from development for community and arts centres if a project is ready to proceed. Finally and most importantly, I would support an ongoing relationship with the Juan de Fuca Performing Arts Centre Society to support conversations of a new arts and culture centre and assist with any city related processes.
Colby Harder	Councillor		
Bryson Hill	Councillor		
Trevor Hinton	Councillor	Yes. Such a space helps to bring the community together and define itself. It would be a huge boon to community morale thus improving the quality of life for everyone.	Keep it an ongoing subject of discussion to be acted on as soon as essential infrastructure for our growing city is in place.
Wendy Hobbs	Councillor		
Andrew Jackson	Councillor	Certainly a performance hall, So that performers have a place to perform.	Facilitate zoning and regulatory ease when the required funding has been arranged.
Alex McLeod	Councillor		
Michael Mortimore	Councillor	Yes. Every community of a reasonable size should have such a facility, if it can be afforded. Right now, of course, folks are very concerned about expenditures and their impact on taxes. I would therefore tentatively support this development, but would want to take a closer look at the funding projections. Any new development needs to be completed within politically and financially acceptable parameters in these tight financial times.	I would examine the financials, and push for the go-ahead if they work on close inspection. The benefit is clear - but the finances must fit in our budget in these difficult times.

Matt Sahlstrom	Councillor	Yes. We need one in the Westshore because it could be built to suit the needs of people out here.	I would get our five Westshore communities together at the table to come to an agreement where we could all do cost sharing to build a performance arts and cultural center. It would be a model set after perhaps Westshore Parks and Recreation?
Tanya Sunshine	Councillor		
Mary Wagner	Councillor	Yes. We need an arts and culture centre because we have a vibrant community with diverse arts and culture interests and they deserve somewhere to perform or display their work and to gather and celebrate, share knowledge, and provide economic benefit to artists; we don't have a theatre/arts space that is local and affordable that meets all our needs. Arts and culture are critical to our health and well-being. We need a West Shore arts and culture centre just like we need recreation centres. People of all ages and abilities should be able to participate in arts and cultural activities close to home.	If elected, I would take a practical, partnership-based approach to advancing a West Shore arts and culture centre, including a mid-sized theatre to support smaller community organizations to be able to afford the space, and additional flexible spaces to provide a place for diverse arts and culture activities. First, I would advocate for the advancement of an arts and culture centre to be a clear strategic priority for the next term. The City's Arts and Cultural Development Strategy already identifies the need for additional cultural spaces and calls for a Cultural Spaces and Facilities Framework that could include a performing arts centre, maker and studio spaces, live-music venues and exhibition spaces. We should build on that work. Second, I would continue working collaboratively with the other West Shore municipalities and the CRD. JDF PACS has already been working with all six municipalities through an Intermunicipal Committee. I support continuing that regional approach because a community-oriented centre would serve residents across the West Shore and beyond, rather than being solely a Langford facility. Third, I would encourage Langford to help advance the planning and business case. The existing feasibility, accessibility and inclusion studies provide a foundation for further planning. JDF PACS could continue to work with municipal partners and potential development partners to identify a suitable site and delivery model, including the possibility of incorporating the centre into a mixed-use development. Establishing a grant program in Langford and through the new CRD Arts Facilities Service could help fund the planning and development work needed to move the project forward. Fourth, I could amplify the work of JDFPACS as the organization pursues a diversified funding strategy. The goal would be to leverage senior-government funding, private and philanthropic donations and development partnerships for

			capital costs, rather than relying primarily on municipal funds. At the same time, I would work with the CRD and participating municipalities to explore a sustainable regional approach to operating costs, including the potential role of the Regional Arts Service. Fifth, I believe we could strengthen our local arts and culture community that will make the centre successful. I support the Langford Arts and Cultural Strategy initiative of developing a grant program to provide support for local artists and arts and culture organizations for operations, professional development, skills building and projects. Developing our local arts and culture community now would help create the organizations, audiences, partnerships and programming capacity needed to make a future centre active and sustainable. Finally, I would support the initiative in Langford's plan of convening a Community Cultural Roundtable and foster regular dialogue with arts organizations, businesses, developers, venue operators, event producers, community groups and other levels of government. I would also advocate for a coordinated public, private-sector and philanthropic campaign to build awareness of the opportunity and attract investment. To keep moving this work forward, I believe a dedicated full-time Community Cultural Development role in the Economic Development Department will be important to expand capacity both within the City of Langford and the community.
Keith Yacucha	Councillor		
District of Metchosin			
Name	Position sought	Need for an arts centre?	Steps to support an arts centre?
Steve Gray	Mayor		
Marie-Térèse Little	Mayor		
Shawn Melinchuk	Mayor		
Shelly Donaldson	Councillor		

Ellen Frisch	Councillor	Metchosin has an under-utilized arts and culture centre at its core. Small theatres of relative seating capacity which service the Westshore schools and arts groups exist at Pearson College, St. Marys Church, Royal Bay Secondary, Spencer MS. It's not clear that other options haven't been fully investigated first. The Class D estimate of \$40m, states clearly it does not include critical site development fees and is missing \$19m in parking (\$95,000x200 stalls), likely \$3m in site acquisition fees, \$1.5m in site preparation costs. It was prepared in 2022 before tariffs and skyrocketing cost of materials and labour. The realistic estimate becomes \$63.5m + 15% to account for increased costs in the past 4 years. Grants from senior governments at this time, I believe are unrealistic. The cash flow shows an operating loss, intended to be passed on to the CRD to be borne by all CRD taxpayers. Budget line items are unrealistically low (Insurance at \$12,000 a year when a nearby residences are \$5000+/year). The vision requires a different business model or a reconceiving the building design to align with the intended market.	I would provide early advice on any planned changes to PACS facility estimating and planning process or the step to purpose a Class C estimate. I would give timely and honest information regarding the District of Metchosin's limited financial capacity to contribute to a regional facility. Metchosin is facing a fiscal crisis and operates its own Arts and Cultural Centre which remains a primary focus.
Kyara Kahakauwila	Councillor		
Mattie McMillan	Councillor		
Mark Muldoon	Councillor		kudos for taking on the initiative in working toward a mid-sized theatre. I would forward to an opportunity to meet with the organization and to learn more about it, as soon as practical following local elections.
Jesse Pewarchuk	Councillor	Yes. We have grown to a size where we can support this and it is increasingly difficult to attend downtown venues due to exceptionally poor and worsening transport/parking links as well as increasing safety issues in the downtown core.	Yes, however, Metchosin will be unable to contribute financially as we have severe and pressing financial pressures that must be tended to. From a moral support standpoint, however, as a heavy consumer of the performance arts, I am a big supporter.
Eric White	Councillor		
District of Sooke			

Name	Position sought	Need for an arts centre?	Steps to support an arts centre?
Al Beddows	Mayor	As you are aware we have a very robust Arts community in Sooke. We also need to look at a Regional approach as well. A mid size theatre would be welcome in our region	
Kevin Pearson	Mayor		
Susan Belford	Councillor	A Westshore centre in Langford wouldn't really meet the needs of Sooke performers or audience members. - it would be great if this project could include a smaller satellite facility for Sooke for our local artists. For big name performers from "away" have a performing centre in Langford would be great!	There is one road to Sooke. During clear weather on off-peak times it takes 20 minutes to get to Langford. Many of our theatrical performances involve youth. Transportation for them to and from rehearsals into Langford would be highly problematic-- not enough transit and a challenges congested road; the commute would likely reduce Sooke audiences. And then-- if there's an accident on the highway, everything stops. So other than as a venue for travelling artists, it will be of limited use to the artistic community in Sooke. A satellite venue for home grown talent to showcase their work would be great, though. I'll be plumping for the development of a West Shore arts and culture centre with a satellite facility for Sooke. I certainly support the West Shore centre as it will provide a closer venue for travelling artists. However, my priority remains developing some local resources for local artists.
Ty Daniels	Councillor		
Nick Dickinson-Wilde	Councillor	Yes. There are community spaces that provide arts facilities as a secondary aspect - churches with music, seaparc, schools with theatre's etc. There is a lack of dedicated arts and cultural spaces.	Work with CRD to ensure prioritization. Ensure operational costs are planned for in long term tax plans
Noah Dowhy	Councillor		
Janet Evans	Councillor		
Landon Grams	Councillor	I struggle to say it needs one but, I definitely see great benefits for our residents and arts community if we can make it happen.	I think this would benefit many people in and around Sooke and it should definitely be discussed further.
Herb Haldane	Councillor		
Kyra Juliana Lazzar	Councillor		
Elliott Lifton	Councillor		

Brian McHattie	Councillor	I feel strongly that it is important to build such a facility in Sooke given the need for community-building and supporting the arts here, in part, given the distance to Langford and other West Shore communities. So, I'll be working with that focus.	
Rob Pearce	Councillor		
Curtis Peterec	Councillor		
Helen Ritts	Councillor	Yes. Generally supportive because arts and culture brings joy, energy, creativity, wonder, and inspiration into our lives. From a regional point of view, it is about equity and access. It would be amazing to have a venue like this within a relatively easy drive / bus ride from Sooke. The increase in exposure and access to arts in the West Shore would in turn feed interest in local arts and culture in Sooke. It's a multiplier.	I appreciated learning that as a municipality, we won't be asked to fund the building project nor support the operations through local municipal taxes. This makes it a much easier sell right now. I will do my best to share both this knowledge and my support for project.
Steven Sorenson	Councillor		
Tony St-Pierre	Councillor		
Katherine Strongwind	Councillor	Yes. A dedicated arts and culture centre would help strengthen the West Shore in meaningful ways. Our communities are growing quickly, and people need places that support creativity, connection, and shared learning. Local artists, youth, families, and cultural groups deserve accessible spaces to gather, create, and celebrate the stories that shape this region. Investing in arts and culture is also an investment in well-being, belonging, and economic vibrancy. A centre would help ensure the West Shore continues to grow in a way that feels inclusive, inspired, and grounded in community values. My fear is that it would not necessarily benefit Sooke as an outlier community.	Supporting the development of a West Shore arts and culture centre starts with bringing people together around a shared vision. If elected, I would work with local governments, Indigenous Nations, artists, youth, and community organizations to identify what the centre should include and how it can reflect the diverse cultures and stories of our region. I would help build a strong co-development model that includes municipal support, provincial and federal funding opportunities, and community-driven leadership. I would also advocate for a site selection process that is transparent, accessible, and grounded in long-term planning. My goal would be to help create a centre that strengthens belonging, supports local talent, and contributes to a vibrant, connected West Shore that includes the District of Sooke.
Christine Thomas	Councillor		
Town of View Royal			

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Anna Becker	Mayor		
Volker Dammann	Mayor		
Teodora Kristof	Mayor		
Ryan Painter	Mayor	Yes. The West Shore does not currently have a center that matches the capacity or space options of the Royal, MacPherson or Mary Winspear, but we are a growing part of the CRD. PACS research shows that a 350-seat center with space for classes, podcast and video recording, and even a cafe would be a welcome addition to the West Shore community.	I have worked with and supported PACS as an advisor, and as Mayor of View Royal, I will continue to support and advocate for building an arts and culture space and performing arts centre for the West Shore. I will encourage neighbouring Mayors and councils with First Nations rights holders to come together and establish a regional MOU for a new performing arts centre, aligning efforts on the West Shore toward development opportunities.
David Screech	Mayor	Yes. It would be wonderful to have a state of the art facility on the West Shore. It is something the region needs and something the West Shore communities need. If it is feasible it would be wonderful to see it become a reality.	I am happy to listen and to promote the idea. Budget constraints are an issue of course but with the regional performing arts facilities service being formed I think that is an encouraging step. I will always advocate for arts in our region as I have done in the past.
Don Brown	Councillor	Yes. We are missing out what other municipalities have. Can attract tourism dollars.	Cut red tape, funds from capital budget, waive some or all taxes.
Sacha Christensen	Councillor	Yes. As the Westshore expands, we are seeing a growing need for a dedicated space to support both performing and visual arts. This is more than just a space for performances and events, but a centralized hub to anchor our fine arts community in the Westshore, making it more accessible for everyone in our community.	1) Support advocacy efforts to make an arts and culture center on the Westshore possible. 2) Investigate the possibility of municipally owned sites that could support a dual-purpose building as both an arts and culture center & municipal service building. 3) Highlight the eagerness for a dedicated arts and culture space by bringing the first ever arts and culture event programming to View Royal (following the successes of the Moss street Paint-In, Sculpture Splash, and Music in the Park)

Carolynne Clark	Councillor	Yes. An arts and culture centre could provide opportunities for visual arts, dance, music, theatre and other creative programs, while giving local artists and community organizations a place to connect and showcase their work. I'm particularly interested in the opportunities this could provide for youth. Having accessible, affordable places where young people can develop creative skills, meet others with similar interest & participate in positive activities. Not every young person is interested in organized sports, and our community should provide a variety of outlets for different interests.	I would support working with the West Shore municipalities and regional partners to determine whether an arts and culture centre can be developed in a way that is sustainable and accessible to the communities it serves. As this is a project shared between West Shore communities, I believe it is important to ensure practical access for View Royal residents. The West Shore is a large area, and without an identified site, View Royal could potentially be quite far from the chosen location. I would advocate for considering transit connections, active transportation routes and accessibility when evaluating potential locations. I would also want View Royal to have a meaningful voice in discussions around the centre's location, programming, governance and funding. Community organizations, artists and youth should also be included in determining what services and spaces are needed. My goal would be to help create a regional facility that provides meaningful opportunities for residents, including youth, while ensuring View Royal receives fair value from its participation.
Spencer Dixon	Councillor	Yes. People need a place to express themselves creatively. There's plenty of places for sports and rec, but no real dedicated arts and cultural centers, I feel like this is missing from West Shore.	I would make sure it's in a location accessible for everyone by public transit. I would make the case of it bringing in revenue, through summer programs, or school field trips to the facility. Last I would obtain a large grant from the federal government.
Diane Fownes	Councillor		
Cam Harris	Councillor		
Jay Josh	Councillor	Yes , I am in favour 100 %	
Gery Lemon	Councillor	Yes. Congestion getting to and from performances downtown, combined with the challenges of parking make enjoying shows at the region's two downtown theatres prohibitive for many. But beyond that, with some 100,000 residents, the West Shore is a significantly populated area and its residents have the wide breadth of interests and talents of any urban area and these deserve to be showcased and appreciated.	I'm already an advocate for a Juan de Fuca Performing Arts centre and for the past four years have been View Royal's representative on an intermunicipal committee. Beyond championing the vision of a performing arts centre I am actively involved in seeking a venue so that the residents of View Royal and the rest of the West Shore can enjoy and appreciate the arts closer to home.

Sean Mackenzie	Councillor	Yes. The West Shore has grown into a large and vibrant community, but we still lack a dedicated centre for arts and culture. A community arts centre would give local performers, artists and residents a place to create, perform and gather close to home, while helping build a stronger sense of community across the West Shore.	I believe the West Shore should have a dedicated arts and culture centre, and I would support View Royal continuing to work collaboratively with the other West Shore municipalities and PACS to help make it happen. As a councillor, I would support the intermunicipal work needed to move the project forward, advocate for senior-government funding, and help establish a fair and sustainable regional approach to ongoing operations. I would also want to ensure the centre remains community-focused, accessible and inclusive, providing opportunities for local performers, artists, families and residents of all ages.
Owen Marshall	Councillor	Yes. I think there is value in having a dedicated arts and culture space serving the West Shore, particularly as the population continues to grow. I also like that the proposal is being approached regionally rather than expecting one municipality to carry the project on its own. My support would depend on the financial details. I would want to understand View Royal's share of the ongoing operating costs, how those costs would change over time, and what commitments would be required from the Town before making a final decision.	I would continue View Royal's participation in the intermunicipal discussions and make sure Council has a clear understanding of the costs, benefits and long-term commitments involved. I would also support pursuing provincial and federal funding and private contributions wherever possible, rather than relying heavily on municipal property taxpayers. If the project moves forward, I would want View Royal's contribution to be fair and proportionate to the benefit residents receive.
Ron Mattson	Councillor	Yes. West Shore is growing and its population would support an arts and culture centre. Many residents find it difficult to access existing arts services in downtown Victoria. Have an arts centre in West Shore would improve West Shore municipalities opportunities to have arts and cultural events in those municipalities and give a home for artists in their community.	Council previously voted to reallocate a portion of funding now going to CRD arts service to fund art services in the West Shore, including an arts centre. The Town's new OCP would allow an arts centre to be built in the Town's Western Gateway corridor. I will continue to support this option for VR Council.
Amy McCooey	Councillor	yes. I could support an arts and culture centre in the West Shore that would benefit the residents of View Royal.	I would attend meetings to make sure I am informed, and I would advocate for the centre to fellow council members.